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L. Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—Walker—1. L. Short Hist. of Ch. Church—(Early and Medievial Periods)—Hurst—2.

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4. T. Review of Local Preachers for three preceding years. T. Indroduction to the Holy Scriptures—Harmon—1—2.

Note - T. stands for traveling preachers, L. stands for local preachers; a. for admission on trial, 1 for 1st year, 2 for 2d year, 3 for 3d, 4 for 4th year.

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Conference Missions.—Presiding Elder, G. W. Richardson and T. W. Atkinson.

Periodicals.—J. M. Wilder, F T. Howell, R. P. Hammons, F. L. Young and G. O. Richardson.

Woman's Work.—G. W. Winterburn, W. H. Gannaway and S. N. Gilbert.

Conference Stewards.—W. M. Crowther, F. T. Howell and R. M. Hardman.

Collecting Book accounts.—F. T. Howell.

Epworth League. -W. H. Gannaway, W. C. Price, C. W. Huett and E. E. Damon.

Resolutions.—G. W. Winterburn, F. L. Young and J. R. Yost.

Conference Library.—C. E. Helman, J. M. Wilder and F. T. Howell.

Annual Sessions of Idaho Conference.

óZ	Year,	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary
1	1884	September 17	Boise	C. H. Fowler	G. M. Irwin
				J. M Walden	
				H. N. Foster	
4	1887	September 21.	Baker City	W. H. Harris	J. D. Flenner
5	1888	September 27	Boise	W. H. Ninde	. G. M. Irwin
				Thomas Bowman	
				J. H. Vincent	
				Thon as Bowman	
				J. M. Walden	
				Danial A. Goodsel	
				I. W. Joyce	
				Thomas Bowman	
				Earl Cranston	
14	1897	August 19	Caldwell	Cyrus D. Foss	. G.O.Richardson

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

- 1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conferences? M. M. Miner, from Columbia River; Robert P. Hammons, from outh Kansas; G. W. Winterburn, from northwest Kansas; E. E. Damon, northwest Kansas; C. W. Huett, Colorado.
 - 2. Who have been readmitted? None.
- 3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? None.
- 4. Who have been received on trial? (a) In studies of the first year. Frances A. Phelps, Guy H. Phelps. (b) In studies of the third year. None.
- 5. Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of the first year. None. (b) In studies of the second year. S. N. Gilbert, C. W. Huett. C. S. Lyles. (c) In studies of the third year. None. (d) In studies of the fourth year. None.
 - 6. Who have been discontinued? None.
- 7. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year. Elmer E. Damon. (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously. None.
- 8. What members are in studies of the third year? (a) Admitted into full membership this year. E. E. Damon. (b) Admitted into full membership previously. C. E. Helman.
- 9. What members are in studies of the fourth year? F. T. Howell.

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- 10. What members have completed the Conference course of study? (a) Elected and ordained olders this year. G. W. Comer. (b) Elected and ordained Elders previously. None.
- 11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a) As local preachers. None. (b) Under missionary rule. None.
- 12. What others have been elected and ordained eiders? (a) As local elder. William L. Wilson (b) Under missionary rule. None.
- 13. Was the character of each preacher examined? It was.
- 14. Who have beer transferred, and to what conferences? None.
 - 15. Who have died? None.
- 16. Who have been located at their own request? None.
 - 17. Who have been located? None.
 - 18. Who have withdrawn? None.
- 19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.
 - 20. Who have been expelled? None.
- 21. What other personal notation should be made? None.
- 22. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. T. Robinson, W. J. Barger.
- 23. Who are the superannuated preachers? G. W. Richardson.
- 24. Who are the triers of appeals? R. P. Hammons, J. M. Wilder, F. L. Young, M. M.

Miner, W. M. Crowther, T. W. Atkinson and W. H. Gannaway.

- 25. What is the statistical report this year? See tabulated report.
- 26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections as reported by the conference treasurer? \$561.00.
- 27. What are the claims on the conference fund? G. W. Richardson, W. J. Barger, \$100.
- 28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? G. W. Richardson, W. J. Barger.
- 29. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.
- 30. Where shall the next conference be held? Idaho Falls, Idaho.

ANNIVERSARIES.

WOMANS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The woman's home missionary society held its second anniversary on Thursday, August 19, at 3 p. m. Mrs. Mary Howell in the chair.

Rev. Frank T. Howell spoke enthusiastically upon the relation of the woman's work to the church. He was followed by Rev. C. E. Helman who gave a stirring address.

For officers see boards and committees, p 5.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The anniversary of the woman's foreign mis-

sionary society was held August 20. Mrs. Harry Jones of Caldwell in the chair.

Dr. W. A. Spencer gave an able address. A collection of \$9.00 was taken

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BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Held its anniversary on Friday night. Rev. R. P. Hammons, presiding. Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., delivered a spirited address and enrolled several volunteers.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The meeting was called to order at three o'clock by Rev. J. M. Wilder, president. After prayer by the president, Bro. T. S. McDaniels, of Portland, was introduced and gave a very interesting address on league activities.

Rev. J. R. Yost, in an enthusiastic address. talked of enthusiasm in the Epworth league.

At roll call of the conference appointments fourteen charges reported, through their delegates or pastors, seventeen chapters. Five charges reported leagues. Three charges did not report

Rev. Guy H. Phelps; in a closing address, talked very earnestly of leagues in the rut and the way out.

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The missionary society held its anniversary

Saturday, August 21, and was addressed by Rev. W. T. Smith, resulting in great enthusiasm. One thousand copies of the World Wide Missions was taken and paid for.

CONFERENCE LOVE FEAST.

Rev. G. W. Richardson, the veteran of the conference led the love feast at 930 a.m. August 22. The house was full, as many as six being on their feet at once, awaiting their turn to speak. It was a season of great spiritual profit.

APPOINTMENTS.

BOISE DISTRICT.

G. A. Landen, Presiding Elder, Pocatello-

Appointments.	Preachers.	Year.
Albion,	F. T. Howell	1
Baker City, Ore.	F. L. Young	2
Blackfoot	J. R. Yost	3
Boise	R. P. Hammons	1
Boise Valley, (P.O. Star) W. C. Price	2
Bruneau and Three Creek	G. W. Comer	1
Caldwell	J. M. Wilder	3
Council Valley	Supplied by Jas. L	ewer
Emmett	T. W. Atkinson	1
Gibbonsville	M. M. Miner	1
Glenn's Ferry	E. E. Damon	2
Hailey and Bellevue	C. E. Hellman	3
Haines, Ore.	G. O. Rishardson	2

Huntington, Ore., and) Willow Creek, Ore.	F. A. Phelps 1
Idaho Falls	W. H. Gannoway 1
Jordan Valley, Ore, Silver City and De- Lamar	Sup. by E. W. Wheatley
Junction	Sup. by Dean Phelps
McEwan, Ore.	Sup. by W. L. Wilson
Meridian	Sup. by W.D. Stephenson
New Plymouth	Sup. by James Burns
Payette, Ida., and (Ontario, Ore.,	C W. Huett 2
Pocatello	G. W. Winterburn 2
St. Anthony	S. N. Gilbert
Salmon City	W. M. Crowther 1
Salubria and / Middle Valley	G. H. Phelps 1
Shoshone	R. M. Hardman 1
Vale	Sup. by Perry Phelps
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Charles S. Lyles left without appointment to attend one of our schools

JOURNAL-FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The tourteenth session of the Idaho Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened at the M. E. Church in Caldwell, Idaho, at 9 a. m., Aug. 19, 1897. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., L. L. D., presiding.

OPENING.

The Bishop read the 37th Psalm and 2d chapter of 2d Timothy. After singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul" the Bishop lead in prayer. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop assisted by G. A. Landen, P. E., to the ministers and laymen present.

ROLL CALL.

The secretary of last session called the roll, and the following brethren responded to their names: J. W. Atkinson, W. M. Crowther, R. M. Hardman, G. A. Landen, W. C. Price, G, W. Richardson, G. O. Richardson, J. M. Wilder, J. R. Yost, F. L. Young, M. M. Miner, G. W. Comer, G. W. Winterburn, C. E. Helman, F. T. Howell, E. E. Damon, C. Huett and S. N. Gilbert.

OFFICERS.

On motion of J. M. Wilder, G. O. Richardson was elected Secretary and chose for his assistant R. M. Hardman.

On motion of J. M. Wilder, W. M. Crowther

was elected Statistical Secretary and chose for his assistants F. T. Howell and C. W. Huett. C. E. Helman was elected Conference Treasurer and named M. M. Miner for his assistant.

HOURS.

On motion of J. M. Wilder, the time of meeting was fixed at 9 a.m., the first half to be given to devotional services. Adjournment to be at 12 m.

TRANSFERS.

The Bishop announced the following transfers: G. W. Winterburn, an elder from the North West Kansas Conference, C. W. Huett, first year, from the Colorado Conference, Elmer E. Damon, first year, North West Kansas Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS.

The Bishop introduced G. W. Winterburn, C. W. Huett, E. E. Damon and M. M. Miner transfers into the Conference, also Rev. James Burns, of California, and Rev. Thomas Van Scoy, Dean of Portland University.

BAR OF CONFERENCE.

The fourth row of seats was fixed as the bar of Conference.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The usual Standing Committees were nominated by the Presiding Elder and duly elected, (See page 5.) On motion by G. A. Landen a committee of three on adjustment the of finan-

cial claims existing between the Columbia River and Idaho Conferences was ordered. G. W. Richardson, J. R. Yost and J. M. Wilder were made the committee.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of G. A. Landen, G. W. Winterburn, F. L. Young and G. W. Comer were elected a committee on resolutions.

REPORTERS.

C. W. Huett was chosen reporter to the Pacific Advocate and G. W. Richardson newspaper correspondent.

The Bishop announced the following drafts: On Book Concern \$156, on Chartered Fund \$22, on the Distributive Share of bequests of Attillia F. Christman and Caroline Clark \$5. On motion the drafts were ordered. A communication from the Episcopal Fund was received and read. By General concent the Presiding Elder was made a committee to apportion all disciplinary collections.

A communication from the Book Concern was received and read. F. T. Howell was appointed collector for (see cop. p. 4) Gospel in all Lands.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

A proposition from the East Main Conference for a constitutional ammendment making the ministerial representation to the General Conference to be on the basis of 60 instead of 45, was read, and the Conference made 10 o'clock a.m., tomorrow, the hour to take the vote on said amendment.

REPORT OF PUBLISHER.

Report of the publisher of Conference Journal for last year was read and adopted (See report)

On motion the secretaries were elected a committee to edit and publish the Conference Minutes.

QUESTION XIII.

"Was the character of each preacher examined? The Boise District was called. G. A. Landen is Presiding Elder, character was passed and he represented his district.

The characters of the following Elders were passed and they reported their work: R. M. Hardman, F. L. Young, J. R. Yost, W. C. Price, J. M. Wilder, G. O. Richardson, M. M. Miner, W. M. Crowther, T. W. Adkinson, G. W. Winterburn, W. H. Grannaway, G. W. Richardson and R. P. Hammons.

ADJOURNMENT.

The announcements were made, the doxology sung, and the conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Conference convened in Statistical Session. G. A. Landon presided and J. R. Yost acted as secretary. Nearly all the charges responded with their reports.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, August 20, 1897. Conference convened at 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop Foss in the chair.

G. W. Winterburn conducted the devotional service.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

The committee on adjustment of the claims of the Columbia river conference reported. (See report.)

J. S. Anderson, by vote of the conference, was invited to explain the claims.

On motion of G. A. Landen, the report was received, and the committee discharged.

On motion of J. M. Wilder, a committee of three was ordered to confer with a like committee from the Columbia river Conference, regarding their claims, and to report at the next session of the Idaho Conference. The following were elected as said committee: G. S. Landen, F. S. Young and G. O. Richardson.

The Bishop announced the draft on the chartered fund for 1896, for \$22. The Conference ordered the draft to be drawn.

C. E. Helman asked that M. M. Miner be elected assistant treasurer. The request was granted.

The following undergraduates were called and reported their collections: S. N. Gilbert

and C. W. Huett, of the first year; E. E. Damon of the first and second year; and F. S. Howell, of the third year. The Bishop delivered a suggestive and helpful address to the class of undergraduates.

The Registrar reported their standing, and upon the recommendation of the Presiding Elder, S. N. Gilbert and C. W. Hewett were advanced to the studies of the second year. E. E. Damon was advanced to the studies of the third year, and admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The name of C. S. Lyles was called, and he was continued in the studies of the third year.

On motion of G. A. Landen, the candidate for admission on trial, were referred to the committee on conference relations.

The announcements were made for the meeting of committees.

The vote in the east Maine conference proposition was taken, resulting in 16 in favor of and none against said proposition.

Announcements were made and the conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday Aug. 21. 1897.

Conference convened at 9 A. M. Bishop Foss in the chair. J. R. Yost led the devotional services The minutes were read and approved.

The class of the third year was called. F. T. Howell was advanced to the studies of the fourth year. The Class of the fourth year was called. G. W. Comers' character was passed and he was discharged from the course of study and elected to elders orders. C. E. Hellman, character passed, reported his collection and was continued in studies of the third year.

The statistical report was read and approved, W. J. Barger and W. T. Robertson were continued in a supernumerary relation to the conference.

Baker City and Idaho Falls, were nominated as the seat of the next session of the Idaho Conference. On taking the vote Baker City received 7 and Idaho Falls 9 votes. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Baker City for their cordial invitation.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Frances A. Phelps and Guy H. Phelps candidates for admission were called and introduced to the Conference. The committee on Conference relation recommended that they be admitted. The registrar gave a satisfactory report of their standing in the required examinations. The presiding elder represented them and they were admitted by a unanimous vote.

Dr. W. A. Spencer, D. D., secretary of the church extention, was introduced and represented his society, committee on Episcopal found reported. Report adopted. (See reports.)

The presiding elder stated that G. W. Richardson, wished a superannuated relation, and moved that his request be granted and that he be recomended to the board of stewards for favorable consideration.

He was called and made a touching address, reviewing th elast twenty years of his ministry, W. A. Spencer, stated that G. W. Richardson had been a valuable agent of the church for ten vears in Texes, during his presiding eldership in the west Texas conference. Bishop Foss, made some appreciative remarks, and introduced Rev. R. M. Gwinn pioneer veteran of the Idaho Methodism who gave us a grand enspiring address. Dr. Spencer intersperced singing. There was a pentecostal shower of grace and it was with some difficulty that the Bishop called the conference back to the routime of business.

The vote was taken and G. W. Richardson, was placed on the retired list.

The case of W. J. Barger, was referred to the conference stewards.

Auditing committee reported and the report was adopted. The presiding elder was requested to ask C. R. Kellerman for a satisfactory account of the first quarter missionary money for the year 1896.

The committee on education reported and G. A. Laden, moved that the report be laid over

for consideration Monday morning. The time was extended.

The recommendation of William L. Wilson, by the Mc Ewan quarterly conference was read and he was elected to elders' orders as a local elder. T. S. McDaniels, of the Pacific Christian Advocate, was introduced. Anouncements were made and on motion the conference adjourned with benediction by W. A. Spencer, D. D.

FOURTH DAY.

Monday, August 23, 1897.

Conference convened at 8.30 a. m. Bishop Foss in the chair.

Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., led the devotional service with great blessing to all present.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion of G. O. Richardson it was decided to print the presiding elder's report.

On motion a collection was taken to pay for the publishing of the minutes, resulting in \$46 cash and subscription.

The treasurer read his reports which were approved. The conference stewards reported the disbursement of the conference funds and recomended that \$100 be apportioned to the several charges to be raised for the conference claimants for the coming year. Reports and recommendations were adopted.

On motion, the presiding elder's report was ordered to be given to the local papers for

publication.

The following committees reported and the reports were adopted:

Womans work; Book periodical; Epworth league; Benevolence; Social reform; Education; (See reports.)

Mr. McDaniels, of the Pacific Christian Advocate, represented the interests of that paper. Dr. W. T. Smith, missionary secretary, represented the cause of missions.

On motion of C. E. Helman, G. A. Landen was elected official correspondent for the "Pacific Christian Advocate."

On motion C. E. Helman was elected Advertising agent for the conference minutes of next year, and authorized to solicit advertising and bids for printing the minutes.

A communication from J. W. Huston was read refering to the J. S. Anderson note.

On motion the note was placed in the custody of the committee to consider the claims of the Columbia river conference, with directions to get a legal, satisfactory settlement of said note.

On motion the following were made a committee on conference library: C. E. Helman, J. M. Wilder and F. T. Howell.

On motion it was ordered that the division of work of the board of conference examiners be published in the minutes.

The nominations were made and confirmed.

The report of the committee on the appropriating the missionary to the charges was read as a matter of information.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion of J. M. Wilder the conference adjourned after the reading of the appointments.

CYRUS D. Foss,

G. O. RICHARDSON,

President-

Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This cirtifies that on February 10th, 1896, Charles S. Lyles was ordained to the office of deacon at the Iliff school of theology, Denver, Colorado, by me,

HENRY W. WARREN.

This is to certify that, on Sunday Aug. 22, 1897, in Caldwell, Idaho, I ordained, Elmer E. Damon, as a deacon, and that on the same day and in the same place, assisted by several elders, I also ordained George W. Comer and Wm. L. Wilson as elders.

Cyrus D. Foss.

REPORTS.

PRESIDING ELDER'S REPORT.

To the Bishop and members of the Idaho conference.

Dear fathers and brethern:

In presenting my first report as presiding elder of the Boise District, I desire to acknow.

ledge the goodness of God in sparing the lives of all our pastors.

Death has not broken our ranks. Into one parsonage only has the messenger of death entered. Early in the year Brother and Sister Howell were called to mourn the death of little Eva. We all extend to them our prayers and sympathy. Some of us have passed through severe affliction but the Lord in his mery raised us up.

I desire personally to thank my brethren for their uniforn courtesy and kindness and especially for the words of sympathy expressed and the prayers offered for me during the four weeks I was confined in the Portland hospital.

Seven weeks of the nine months I have been presiding elder, I was sick and unable to do my work. The remainder of the time has been wholy given to the work of the district. I have traveled 11,528 miles and preached on an average of three or four times per week. I have been well received by the churches, and find a hearty response to a plain presentation of Gospel truth. I think the reports will show a fair increase in membership and a good advance made in the benevolent collections.

Many of the churches have had special seasons of revival with good results. So far as I can learn over 400 persons have been converted. Bro Frank and Guy Phelps have been of great service in the revival work. Three new

churches will soon be ready to dedicate, and subscriptions are being circulated for the building of two more this fall and some additions and improvements have been made to our parsonages.

Our work generally has made encouraging advances considering the hinderences to growth.

In my detailed report I shall not follow the list of appointments as alphabetically given but as they are geographically located beginning at the western boundry of the conference.

HAINES

is in Baker county, Oregon, on the O. R. & N. R. R. It is a circuit of four appointments in one of the best agriculturial districts in the west. Bro. G. O. Richardson has been the pastor and comes to conference with an excellent report. There have been 63 conversions and 56 additions to the church. The benevolent collections show an increase over last year. The parsonage has been improved by the addition of a new kitchen. A new church is needed at the Muddy creek appointment and this will doubtless be built next year.

BAKER CITY

is the county seat of Baker county, Oregon, and has a population of five thousand or more. Our church here has had one of the best years in its history. The membership has been doubled, all the interests of the church, cared for

and order restored where was confusion a year ago. Bro. Young, the pastor, and his people are to be congratulated on the success that here crowned their labors. The debt is now about \$2,500, but I believe the way is opening for the payment of the entire sum before the close of another conference year.

MC EWAN

is a circuit of four appointments located in the timber and mining region of Sumpter valley, 32 miles from Baker City. Bro. W. L. Wilson, a located deacon, has supplied this charge. Mc-Ewan was the only point where we had an organization at the beginning of this year. We have but few members here and a neat little church. Sumpter is a new town, the terminus of the Sumpter vallley R. R. The town has grown rapidly this year and has a population of 400 to 500. Bro. Guy Phelps assisted Bro. Wilson in meetings held here and a class of 14 members was organized. Money enough has been subscribed to purchase material for a new church which will be built this fall.

A house of three rooms and lot for parsonage has been purchased at McEwan and all paid for and now a kitchen is being added. The other points are Cracker creek and the Eagle mining camp. No class organized as yet. While this charge does not promise us great re-

sults as some others, we believe the work should be continued.

Imight here speak of the Willow creek circuit, in Malheur county, Oregon, which was two years ago divided between McEwan and Ontario, but has not been worked by either. We have a church building at Dell and a parsonage at Inenside. The Free Methodists and South Methodists have taken many of our members, but some would not join them. After some correspondence with Bro. J. S. Stark, a laymen at Dell, I was persuaded to send them a preacher. Early in May Bro. Frank Phelps took up the work and has been well received at all points. In addition to Dell, Inensides and Malheur City, he has preached a few times at Huntington, and the Lord seems to be opening the way for us there. I am fully convinced that we should take up the Willow creek charge with the addition of Huntington and give them a pastor next year.

MIDDLE AND COUNCIL VALLEY.

These appear as separate charges in the list of appointments, but were both placed under the pastoral oversight of Perry Phelps, assisted by his brother Dean. There are eight or nine appointments in the two charges. These are located in the Middle, Salubria, Council and Indian Valleys, thirty-five to sixty miles north of Weiser. The farmers are growing prosper-

ous. The appointments have all done very well, but Salubria deserves special mention. Here, at the beginning of the year, we had no organization and no Methodist people to organize a society. The pastor assisted by his brother, laid siege to the town and community. The Lord blessed the work an la gracious revival followed in which about sixty souls were converted, forty-seven joined our church when the first opportunity was given.

A camp-meeting held in June resulted in the conversion of seventeen more and sixteen additions to the church, giving us now a church-membership of over sixty.

A lot has been donated and the lumber is on the ground for a new church at this point. Bro. Phelps has labored as a supply this year, but comes to the annual conference with a recommendation for admission into the traveling connection. He has taken unto himself a wife during the year, so we expect even better work from him in the future.

PAYETTE

is on the O. S. L. R. R. and in the Payette valley. It is in one of the finest fruit growing sections of the northwest. It is a growing town of about 400 population.

This charge has had its ups and downs, and last conference was so down that no preacher in the conference was seeking this appointment.

Rev. M. L Stewart, a local preacher, from Missouri, was appointed supply.

I am pleased to report that this year has been one of the up years and the charge has made very satisfactory advancement.

Our people are, most of them, poor or financially embarrassed, but they are willing, and hence are doing nobly in their work. We have a good church and parsonage free from debt. It was necessary for Bro. Stewart to return to his home in Missouri June 1st, and we secured as supply Rev. C. W. Huett, who had just graduated from the University of Denver. He took up the work with an energy that assured success. He is much beloved by the people and they would like to have him remain as their pastor for another year.

ONTARIO

is four miles east of Payette. It is a circuit of five appointments. James Lewer has been supply. He has labored hard and with a fair degree of success. Our people at Ontario have worshipped most of the year in a private residence and have had little opportunity for revival work. They have sacrificed and toiled heroically in the construction of a new church. The Church Extension Society came to their aid with a loan of \$250 and donation of \$250, so their beautiful new church, costing \$1,250, will soon be ready for dedication. The other

appointments do not promise very much at present but the prospects for gowth are quite encouraging.

CALDWELL

has had a good year, both materially and spiritually. The church has been moved from a crowded corner to this very eligible site and repaired and improved to a cost of several hundred dollars. The parsonage has been repapered and otherwise improved. No less than \$500 has been expended in these improvements and, there is no debt. The pastor has done much of this work with his own hands and by his zeal and energy inspired others to work. The pastor was assisted in revival services by Rev. L. E. Kennedy. About a dozen were converted and the spirtual life of the church greatly quickened. There still remains a church debt but this will in due time all be paid and our society be in possession of valuable property.

JORDAN VALLEY, SILVER CITY AND DE LAMAR.

This charge consists of three appointments as named above and is located sixty miles south of Caldwell. Jorden Valley is a fine farming community, mostly in Oregon. Silver City and De-Lamar are typical mining towns and the interest in religious matters is not very marked. Bro. Crowther, the pastor, has had good congregations but the shifting population makes it

very difficult to build up any permanent work. A revival is greatly needed to bring the people to the knowledge of better things than silver and gold.

BOISE VALLEY

lies northeast of Caldwell and is beautiful for situation and pleasant to serve. There are four appointments, Middleton, Central Park, Union and Boise Valley. We have three churches and a good parsonage and a loyal membership. We have three Methodist Sunday schoos and three Epworth Leagues all doing good work. W.C. Price has been the happy pastor. His work has been carefully and faithfully done and a healthful growth has been the result as the pastor's report will show.

EMMETT

charge is 20 miles north of Caldwell at the head of the Payette valley. G. W. Comer has been pastor. There are five regular appointments, It has ranked as one of our best charges. Various causes have embarrassed the work this year. Sister Comers was taken sick before reaching the charge and has not seen a well day since. About the first of January the Dr. advised a change of climate and she went to the home of her parents in Utah. Bro. Comer continued the work alone and has tried to do his best and, though very meagerly supported,

he has not deserted his post but remained faithful to duty. In view of Sister Comer's continued illness, it will be necessary for him to seek some other field of labor.

BOISE CITY

is the beautiful capital of the state of Idaho, and has a population of 6,000. Our church is one of the strongest in the city. This has been a very good vear. Rev. J. W. Huston was returned last conference for his fifth year, and remained till the middle of March, when he was transferred to the South Kansas conference and Rev. R. P. Hammons was transferred and stationed at Boise. He was well received and entered heartily and successfully upon his work. The congregations are large, the Sunday school and Epworth League prosperous and the spiritual condition of the church greatly improved. The benevolent report may not be as large as in some former years, owing to the fact that very little was done in the early part of the year. Our Boise City church is, however, one of the most loyal in the entire connection, and has always done nobly in its work.

MERIDIAN

is a large circuit, occupying all the territory between Boise and Nampa, and including the latter place. There are sixteen school districts in the bounds of this charge. Bro. Atkinson has been assisted during the latter half of the year by W. D. Stephenson, a local preacher. They have had six to eight regular appointments. Many of the farmers are heavily in debt, so the support has not been what it ought to be, but they will doubtless be able to do better next year. A revival was held at Meridian during the winter with good results; about 50 professed conversion, and I am told some members of the church got religion, so we shall certainly expect better things next year. Plans are being formulated to pay, this fall, at least a part, if not all, the debt on the church.

BRUNEAU AND THREE CREEK.

This is a circuit about one hundred miles long. Bruneau is in a valley by that name, thirty miles south of Mountain Home. The other appointments are up in the mountains, seventy-five miles south of Bruneau, in what is known as the Three Creek or Seventy-One country. This is the summer range for the cattle and sheep owned principally by the men in the valley. Bro. Gilbert, the pastor, has labored very acceptably to the people and has received very small financial support. In addition to the regular appointments, he has done some missionary work on Cedar Creek, over in Cassia county. Two points have been reached, and the people have given him a cordial reception and seem hungry for the Gospel.

Realizing that it was not good for man to

be alone, he has taken to himself a wife. At Hot Springs Bro. Ratliff has donated a two-acre lot, with water right, for parsonage and a small house is being erected thereon which will be ready for the new pastor and wife.

GLENNS FERRY

is a town of about 400 population and a subdivision of the O. S. L. R. R. We have a good church here but, unfortunately, a debt of \$300 rests upon it. We have the only protestant society in the town. Rev. C. E. Smirl, a local preacher from Nebraska, was appointed supply soon after conference. Bro. Haines, the pastor, being transferred to the Puget Sound conference. Bro. Smirl did his best, but did not seem very well adapted to this work, and at his own request I relieved him from the charge about the middle of Felinary. After considerable correspondence with different men and some disappointments, I secured Bro. E. E. Damons, a prolationer in the N. W. Kans, conference, as supply. He proved to be the right man for the place and the work has moved on nicely. This church has a small but loyal membership and we expect a good revival in the near future.

SHOSHONE

is fifty-three miles east of Glenns Ferry and at one time was quite a flourishing town, but the removal of the R. R. shops brought on a depression from which the town has not fully recovered. Bro. Howell, the pastor, has labored faithfully and endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. The difficulties have been many, but the Lord did not forsake his people, so there has been a fair degree of success. There are hopeful indications of increasing interest. A protracted meeting was held during the winter and a few professed conversion and the church was spiritually quickened. Bro. and Sister Howell were greatly bereaved in the loss of their little girl, but the gospel of comfort which they have preached to others has been a comfort to them.

HAILEY.

Fifty-seven miles north of Shoshone, on the Hailey and Ketchum branch of the O. S. L., we find nestled in between the hills, the beautiful little town of Hailey, population about one thousand two hundred. This is a mining town, and the low price of silver bullion has brought on a financial depression and the church as well as all other interests has suffered. Bro. Helman has just closed his second year as pastor. A debt of \$735 is embarrassing the work and the people are a little discouraged, but they are loyal and earnest and I believe with the improvement of financial matters that the charge will continue to prosper. Hailey needs a revival.

BELLEVUE AND DONAPHAN.

appear in the list of appointments but have had no pastor this year. Bellevue was once a flour-ishing mining town, but alas, its glory is vanished and our people have moved away until not a member remains, and the only vestige of our former greatness is the old church, on which the Church Extension Society has a claim of over \$400. The only thing, in my judgment, that could be done with Bellevue would be to make it a part of a circuit including the valley below and Camas Prairie.

ALBION

is thirty miles from the O. S. L., and the county seat of Cassia county. It has a population of three hundred to four hundred people. One of the State Normal Schools is located here. This school has been quite a help to our church, and we hope it will so continue under the new faculty. This is not a very promising charge. Our people are poor and the Mormon sentiment strong, but as we have the only church in the place, we must continue to give the people the Gospel. I believe the people might do better toward the support of the pastor, but they seem to feel that they ought to receive \$400 to \$600 missionary appropriation as they did when this charge belonged to the Utah missionary. Bro. Hardman, the pastor, has done his best and has worked in the printing office or acted as court reporter to aid in the support of himself and

family. One country appointment can be added to Albion which will strengthen it some financially.

POCATELLO

is the head division of the O.S. L and Utah Northern. The division superintendent and officers reside here. Four hundred or more men are employed by the railroad company. The population of the town is about three thousand. About two-thirds of these are Mormans and Catholics. Our church is as strong as any other protestant denomination, but it has had a struggle for existance. Your humble servant was pastor for the first three months of this conference year. The church was without a pastor for two months. Then G. W. Winterburn was transferred from the North West Kansas conference and appointed pastor. He has found it a hard charge. Our work moves on very slowly. The people generally are infected with a spirit of worldliness and total indifference in religious matters. The population is constantly changing and very unstable and the churches suffer accordingly. It is not an unusual thing for both pastor and people to get a little discouraged, but we still hope for a better day to dawn upon Pocatello.

BLACKFOOT

is the county seat of Bingham county, on the Utah Northern, twenty-five miles north of Pocatello. Population five hundred to six hundred. Bro, J. R. Yost has just closed his second year with this church. It has been a successful year in revival work. Early in the year the services of Phelps Brothers were secured and in a three weeks' meeting about forty were converted. Other special services have been held and sixty or more souls saved, and forty have joined the church on probation. The Epworth League has more than doubled its membership, the attendance has largely increased and the church has been greatly strengthened.

The debt on the church property now amounts to over \$1000 and is the only burden that stands in the way of the highest success of this charge.

IDAHO FALLS

has a population of about one thousand two hundred, with a fine agricultural country tributary to it. The Mormons and Catholics are quite strong in Idaho Falls and vicinity. Our pastor and people have been very anxious for the completion of the new church, but the burden has been too great for them. In the mean time they have had to hold services in a very uncomfortable and poorly located hall, so it has been difficult to gather and hold a congregation and revival work has been almost out of the question. An additional loan of \$300 has been

granted by the Church Extension Society; this will enable the trustees to go on with the work and complete the church, which they expect to have ready for dedication by the last of September.

ST. ANTHONY

is fifty miles north of Idaho Falls and forty-four miles from the railroad. It is the county seat of Fremont county, and has a population of about four hundred. Our church has made good progress this year. Brothers Guy and Frank Phelps conducted a revival at this place that was a blessing to the church and town. Fourteen were added to this infant society. An Epworth League was organized that has usually taken charge of the evening services and conducting them with profit to the church and people. During my last visit to this charge I assisted the pastor in securing lots and starting subscriptions for a church building. We hope to be able to build before winter. Bro. G. W. Richardson, the veteran of our conference, has done excellent work in laying the foundation in St. Anthony. Owing to his advanced age and increasing infirmities he feels that he must retire from the active service and will therefore ask for a superanuated relation at this session of our conference.

SALMON CITY

the gem of the mountains, is our most north-

erly appointment. It lies at the junction of the Lemhi with the Salmon river, and is reached by stage from Redrock, Mont., a distance of seventy miles. The Rocky Mountains are crossed at the Lemhi pass at an elevation of ninty-nine hundred feet. This is a hard trip but the scenery is grand and beautiful, which makes up somewhat for the tiresome journey. We have at Salmon a good brick church and comfortable parsonage all free from debt. W. H. Gannaway has been the pastor this year. The year has been one of the best in the history of the church. A new chancel, new lamps, and new pulpit chairs have been placed in the church and about \$75 improvement made to the parsonage. Special revival services were held the first of May. The pastor was assisted by Bro. Guy Phelps and the presiding elder for ten days and about twenty-five persons professed conversion, the church was quickened and the town stired as never before on religious matters. Salmon city is all right.

JUNCTION

was left to be supplied and remained without a pastor till the first of May, when I appointed Bro. Guy Phelps to Junction and Gibbonsville and gave him permission to do most of his work at the latter place. Gibbonsville is a mining town of a thousand to twelve hundred population. It is thirty-eight miles north of Salmon City. Bro. Phelps was well received, had large congregation and has opened the way for our work. The people desire a regular pastor and I have a pledge in my posession of \$31.10 per month toward the support of a pastor. I believe we ought to supply these people with the Gospel. The people at Junction send in an urgent request for a pastor and give us assurance that they will not let a man starve. We have a church and ten members at Junction and there are some other points on the river that can be taken up. I presume the work better be continued.

This closes the list of appointments. Permit me in closing to call attention to a few facts.

We have no organized work in Bear Lake or Oneida counties, except a church building and two or three members at Oxford. This territory, as well as much of Bannock, Bingham, and Fremont counties, is largely Mormon and it is impossible to carry on the work at all without larger appropriations of missionary money. After careful study of the situation I believe it is just as easy to do missionary work in the heart of Africa as among these Mormon people, and so I doubt the wisdom of spending our missionary money in this territory while we have so many Gentile people without the Gospel.

I visited the New Plymouth colony, near

Payette, a short time ago in the interest of a conference academy. I believe the time is opportune for the location and establishing of such a school. A liberal proposition will be presented to us from this colony. Other places will no doubt desire to compete for the location. I would recommend the appointment of an educational commission to consist of not less than five ministers and four laymen with power to act in this matter.

There is much new work that should be taken up, but with present conditions it seems to me that not more than two or three new charges can be opened this year. We need and ought to receive for our work here at least \$6000 missionary appropriation.

Our work is encouraging, brethren. There is however much rubbish to be removed and the work is large but with a spirit of self-denial and complete consecration and heroic labor success will crown our efforts. Thanking you for your kindness and praying God's blessing on our deliberations I remain, etc

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

We have two conference claiments to which we recommend that the following amounts be paid: W. J. Barger, \$100; G. W. Richardson, \$125. We recommend that the conference raise by collection \$100 for claimants this year.

W. M. CROWTHER, F. T. HOWELL, R. M. HARDMAN.

MISSIONS.

Recognizing that the spirit of the Gospel is a missionary one, we therefore recommend that the pastors faithfully present this cause, and to the best of their abilty supply their people with the necessary information that they may become intelligent suporters of this the real mission of the church.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCA-TIONAL SOCIETY.

Rejoicing in the work already accomplished among the Freedman, we commend the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society to the members of the conference, and earnestly plead for increased collections.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Resolved, That we, as ministers of God's word, are in hearty sympathy with the noble work of the American Bible Society, and do pledge ourselves to remember this time-honored institution in our benevolent collections.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Church Extension Society has aided 33 church buildings in this state, for which aid Methodism in Idaho owes a debt of gratitude. We, therefore, as members of this conference, shall continue to assist this society by urging our people to raise the \$200, our apportionment for the coming year.

TRACTS.

Tracts are not yet out of date. They are still preaching in silence to the millions.

Without cost the Tract Society sends its leaflets of healing to the prisons, poor-houses, hospitals and the vessels lying in port.

This society asks of the entire church an annual contribution of \$50,000, of which the apportioned share of this conference is \$35.

We recommend that this be approved by the conference, apportioned by the Presiding Elder pro rata among the charges, and raised the coming year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

We desire to call attention to the growth and importance of the Sunday school work in our church, embracing, as it does. 31,121 schools with 360,633 officers and teachers and 2,620,010 scholars.

The number of conversions in the Sunday schools, reported in 1896, was 126,818.

As the religious education of the young is of vast importance, great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers, so that the best men and women, those who are clear in their spiritual experience, intelligent in mind, apt to teach and Godly in their lives, may be appointed for this work.

The apportionment for this conference, for the coming year, will be \$111. We recommend that this be approved by the conference and apportioned by the Presiding Elder pro rata among the Sunday schools, to be raised during the year.

R. P. HAMMONS, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, The Oregon conference, at its last session, appointed a commission whose duty was to take steps to unify the educational institutions organized in connection with said conference, and

WHEREAS, Said institutions of learning sustain organic relations with this conference, and thereby the duty of co-operating in any needed change in our schools is imposed on our conference. And

WHEREAS We deprecate the multiplication of too many schools under the management and support of our church in the northwest Pacific coast.

Therefore, we heartily approve the work already done in the interest of unification by the commission from the Oregon conference, and we believe it is unwise in our church to try to sustain more than one institution of college grade in this northwest.

In order to facilitate the work of uniting the Willammette and Portland universities into one institution, we recommend that a committee of five be appointed by Bishops Foss and Cranston, which shall reside outside the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and who shall determine the location and name of the consolidated school, after hearing a full representation from Willammette and Portland universities, the institutions to be united, and report their decision to the next session of this conference.

We agree to abide by the decision of this committee and adjust our legal relation to the consolidated school and be harmonious and united in its support and patronage.

Resolved, That we request that the Oregon, Puget Sound and Columbia River conferences give their consent to the above.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. G. A. Landen to be trustee of the Portland university, to fill the place of Rev. H. K. Hines, D. D., time expired; also Rev. R. M. Hardman to be a trustee of the Willammette university.

FRANK T. HOWELL, C. E. HELMAN.

SOCIAL REFORMS.

Whereas, The gambling spirit having been prevalent in our state, thus wrecking lives, for times and souls; therefore be it,

Resolved, That we commend the action of the last legislature of the state of Idaho for passing the anti-gambling bill, and recommend that our pastors, as far as consistent, co-operate with

all civil authorities in the enforcement of said law.

WHERAS, It is evident that the Lord's day is being desecrated, in various ways, in a most shocking manner, thus breaking one of the great Commandments and bringing the curse of God upon us, also greatly hindering the work of the Gospel and corrupting the minds of the youth, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that our pastors preach at least once a year on Sabbath observance, that we co-operate with the W. C. T. U. and all other reformation organizations in their endeavors to suppress Sabbath desecration, and that in every way, as far as in our power, help discountenance and help suppress the evil.

The awful ravishes of the rum traffic are felt and known in all the earth. It is the enemy of the individual, the home, the church, the state. It is not right, and ought to be held everywhere, as an outlaw, and the attitude of every Methodist preacner and layman to the traffic should be that of uncompromising hostility.

Our church has stood for temperance and the overthrow of the rum traffic from the beginning; we must continue true to our record.

Resolved, therefore, That we indorse the American anti-saloou league, and especially

article third of the constitution, which reads as follows:

"The object of this league is the suppression of the saloon, to this end we invite the alliance of all who are in harmony with this object.

"And the league pledges itself to avoid affiliation with any political party as such; and to maintain an attitude of neutrality upon questions of public policy not directly and immediately concerned with the traffic instrong drink."

J. R. Yost, Chairman.

G. W. WINTERBUN, Secretary.

WOMANS WORK.

We believe that the beginning of work in the church in both departments, viz:, foreign and home missionary societies, was providential in the very hour of necessity as seen by the church God had His hand upon the women of the church and his spirit moving them to organize and prepare for the work to which his spirit called them; they were not slow to hear the the voice of Providence and by an act of consecration and self denial and sacrifice they entered upon their work, and marvelous success of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the instrumentality of the Womans Home Foreign Missionary societies justifies the divinity of the movement and is a prophecy of the time soon to come when the kingdoms of this world shall

have become the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers of the Idaho conference, give to these societies of the church the most careful consideration, and stimulate among our people, so far as posible, a spirit of liberality and Christian giving for the salvation of the world.

G. W. WINTERBURN, S. N. GILBERT.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

In God's providences over His general church, none are more marked than the origin, growth and development of the Epworth League. Our most sanguine expectations, in the efficiency of this society, has not only been fully met, but far surpassed; we therefore, as members of the Idaho conference, do pledge ourselves to give this noble organization our most hearty support.

C. W. PRICE, Chairman.

PERIODICAL.

Whereas, Our own book concern, at New York and Cincinnatti, is the property of our own church and has ever been a great power for good, not only by spreading the wholesome doctrines of our own beloved church, but also in publishing and popularizing high grade literature; and, furthermore, because the large dividends are distributed among the poorly paid and superannuated preachers. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Idaho conference pledge its hearty support to our publishing houses.

Resolved, That we deem it the duty of every Methodist family to take a Methodist Advocate-

We commend all of our periodicals to our people.

The Pacific Christian Advocate has been much improved of late, and should become a strong factor in building up Methodism in the northwest.

We recommend that our pastors give reports of their work, from time to time, and endeavor to make it a popular conference paper.

J. M. WILDER, Chairman.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We, your committee, appointed to draft constitution for conference missionary society, have not thought it best to adopt any constition but would recommend the election of officers as in the past and also the election of a district missionary secretary. We would recommend the following officers for ensuing year: President, F. L. Young; Vice President, W. C. Price; Secretary, F. T. Howell; Treasurer, C. E. Helman; District Secretary, C. W. Huett.

G. A. LANDEN,
J. R. YOST,
M. M. MINER,
Committee.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Your committee would report that it has received \$42, and has paid same to conference treasurer. This sum is not a benevolence, but an item of the ministerial claim, and we recommend that it be put into the hands of the stewards for collection, on a like basis with the claims of the pastor and presiding elders.

R. M. Hardman.

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE.

The committee appointed to confer with a committee from the Columbia River conference, respecting the financial relations of the two conferences, met and discussed the matter of the division of the funds of this conference, which had accrued previous to the transfer of a portion of our men and territory to the Columbia River conference.

Your committee report that we do not consider it expedient to agree to the plan of adjustment suggested by the committee of the Columbia River conference.

G. W. RICHARDSON, J. R. YOST.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee find that G. A. Landen, Presiding Elder, has administered the missionary money of the second, third and fourth quarters in accordance with the appropriations of the last conference session.

C. R. Kellerman has not furnished us vouchers for the first quarter.

G. O. RICHARDSON, J. M. WILDER.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Albion	\$ 200
Baker City	150
Boise Valley	60
Blackfoot	150
Bruneau and Three Creek	150
Caldwell	150
Council Valley	80
Emmett	50
Gibbonsville	100
Glenns Ferry	150
Hailev and Bellevue	200
Haines	200
Huntington and Willow Creek	100
Idaho Falls	220
Junction	80
Meridian	120
McEwan	120
New Plymouth	50
Payette and Ontario	200
Pocatello	200
Salubria and Middle Valley	150
Salmon City	200
Shoshone	200
St. Anthony	200
Vale	120
District	400

Total \$4,000 G. A. LANDEN, Chairman.

I concur in the above appropriations. August 23, 1897. CYRUS D. Foss.

REPORT—TREASURER. Funds from last year\$ 10 Chartered fund for 1896	
Total	\$125 100
Received from conference collections Paid to the benevolences	. 603

MISSIONARY SOCIETY DEBT.

The missionary society has been an unwavering friend of the Idaho conference, because of the appropriations made to us from year to year it has been possible for our ministers to occupy this field, and the people in the sparsely settled localities have had the Gospel preached to them. We have learned with painful solicitude about the great debt of the society, amounting to about \$200,000. We believe that it is an easy possibility for our church of nearly three million communicants to pay this debt. As a conference we hereby express our willingness and anxiety to do our utmost to meet this obligation and thus relieve the treasury of this embarrass-

ment. On account of the varied conditions of different localities, it is hardly possible to recommend one plan of uniform applications. In some places a self-denial week would be advantageous, others a day of fasting and prayer would be well, an appeal to the Sunday school or Epworth League, a private solicitation of the membership of the church, and other expedients will suggest themselves. We recommend that each pastor of the Idaho conference pursue the best method adapted to his particular charge n raising as large a sum as possible for the payment of the debt of the missionary society. and that the final report concerning these efforts be made on the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving day, and the money collected be forwarded to Dr. Homer Easton, the treasurer, the week following that Sabbath. It is understood that the money thus collected specially to pay this debt will be credited to the charge as a part of their missionary offering for the year,

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CHANGE OF TIME OF MEETING.

WHEREAS. The sessions of the Idaho conference, being held during the month of August of each year, are rendered generally very unpleasant to both the entertainers and entertained because of hot weather; therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition the Board of

Bishops, through the secretary of the Board of Bishops, to change the time of holding the session of our conference to the month of September, following the session of the Utah Mission

THANKS.

Whereas, In the order of providence our beloved Bishop Foss has been assigned to preside over the Idaho conference, be it resolved;

1. That we greatly appreciate his sweet spirit, pleasing manner and affectionate regard for the preachers and their wives; the care and wisdom that has characterized him in all his official duties; his excellent addresses to young men; his wise counsel and sermons of wonderful unction and power; and pray that he may long be spared to the church, and that it will be the pleasure of the Idaho conference to welcome him as our presiding officer at any future time and when the Board of Bishops can so arrange.

II. That we extend a vote of thanks to the good people of the city of Caldwell who, with open doors and hearts, received and most royally entertained the ministers and visitors to our conference.

III. That we gratefully recognize and appreciate the untiring energy of the pastor of this church in so carefully looking after all the details of the conference.

IV. We also express our high appreciation of

the excellent and able addresses of our beloved secretaries Dr. Spencer, of the Church Extension, and Dr. Smith, of the Missionary Society, and pray that the inspiration kindled in our hearts by these consecrated men may tell for good in all time to come.

V. That a vote of thanks be tendered the railcoad officials for their courtesy in giving reduced rates to the ministers and visitors to the conference.

VI. We are grateful to our conference secretaries for their faithfulness in the discharge of the duties assigned them, also to the choir of this church for the excellent music during the conference, and to the local editors for printing conference programs and other conference mentions.

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